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Sir:

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To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English language Abstract of each of the listed Japanese patent documents.

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